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(54) **Antimicrobial cleansing composition and wipe**

(57) The present invention describes an antimicrobial cleansing composition, a water insoluble substrate or wipe, which is impregnated with the inventive composition; and the process of making and using the inventive wipe. The inventive composition demonstrates antimicrobial efficacy from water soluble or dispersible bactericidal agent, preferably a cationic antimicrobial compound, more preferably a quaternary ammonium compound, or a salt or precursor thereof, most preferably from a compound selected from benzethonium me-

thyl, benzethonium and benzalkonium water-soluble salts. The inventive composition and inventive wipe also achieves effective, mild cleansing from one or more non-ionic surfactants, and achieves an acceptable skin feel in-use, free from stickiness, without any volatile alcohol (bp < 210°) present in the formulation. Moreover, the inventive composition contains less than 1% of any of the compounds selected from an amphoteric surfactant, an anionic surfactant, a halogenated aromatic hydrocarbon, an amide, and a volatile alcohol with a boiling point of under 210°C.



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